

President Wilson Given Power By Congress To Take Over All Wire Systems

SENATE PASSES LONG DEBATED RESOLUTION BY LARGE MARGIN

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Hons of dollars are involved in the proposed action.

Postmaster General Burleson, in whose hands control may be placed, would keep the present wire organizations more or less intact, developing an operating organization similar in principle to that now running the railroads under Federal control.

"If I am called upon to select a man to direct this work," said Burleson yesterday, "you may absolutely depend upon it that I will select a man who will give every one a square deal. There will be no favoritism shown to anyone."

"As for any fear of censorship of press association wires, I wish to say emphatically that if the President turns this work over to me, I will be the last man to stand out against any censorship. In fact, I say positively that I do not propose to interfere in any way with the conduct of this or any other branch of the business to the detriment of those involved."

Signal Corps May Help.

There were strong intimations last week, however, that the President would place operation of the lines in the hands of the United States signal corps. This branch of the army has been carrying on a detailed inquiry into the operation of all wire companies and press associations for some days.

Merging of competing telephone lines in nearly 1,000 cities and towns will be one of President Wilson's first uses of power granted him in the wire control resolution. Congressional leaders have been informed.

Philadelphia and Cleveland are two of the largest cities where the order will go into effect at an early date, it is said.

A double telephone system is one of the national extravaganzas which must give way under wartime conditions calling for strictest economy on part of business throughout the country. Administration leaders feel. Telephone competition, they believe, does not materially better service and only serves to force the subscriber to help pay two sets of operating costs instead of one.

To Reduce Expenses.

Under the merger order, business houses which have been forced to keep

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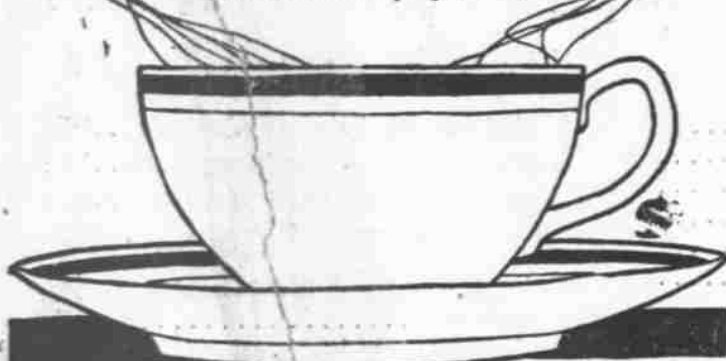
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GORGAS DRIVING HOOKWORM FROM AMERICAN ARMY

Surgeon General W. C. Gorgas, the man who drove the malaria mosquito out of the Isthmus of Panama and the yellow fever mosquito out of Cuba, is now driving the hookworm disease out of the army.

He is taking the pale, listless skeletons of men who are hookworm victims and making them healthy and robust. Most of these come in the Southern contingents. After they have performed gallant service for Uncle Sam, they will be able to go home and make a new land of the South.

Regiments Examined.

"Several regiments from the rural districts and small towns of the South were recently subjected to special investigation by experts of the medical corps to determine the frequency of hookworm infection. Surgeon General Gorgas told a Times reporter. 'The results are such as to demonstrate the wisdom of making routine examinations of recruits entering the service from certain geographical regions, as is now being done.'"

The surgeon general says that three regiments from different sections of the South, consisting of about 3,400 men, carried a percentage of the infection of 8 in one regiment, 32 in another, and 54 in the other. He says that the American hookworm is prevalent in nearly every Southern State, and has been frequently found in our island possessions. In the Philippines, the

malady was discovered when a soldier was attacked by it.

Tremendous Task.

"Until it grappled with its present job of routing the hookworm out of the American army, the medical corps reaped its hookworm laurels on the work that had been done in Porto Rico, a great labor that attracted little note," said Surgeon General Gorgas. Col. Bailey K. Ashford, of the medical corps, is completing this work and has practically abolished the hookworm disease from the island. Itching of the ankle is a primary symptom of the disease, followed usually by a rash on the wrists. The skin becomes bloodless and "lazy sickness" follows. Hookworm has made some of our best Colonial stock the poor white trash of the South."

Dr. C. W. Stiles, of the medical corps, says that the study of the hookworm has only just begun; that it is the greatest enemy of efficiency the world knows. He says that the economic loss in the South alone, due directly to the malady, is from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 a year.

NEW PLAN GUARANTEES SMOKES FOR SOLDIERS

Arrangements have been made whereby the quartermaster corps will sell to the Y. M. C. A. tobacco, cigars and cigarettes for resale to soldiers at cost without addition of freight charges. This is the result of difficulties encountered by the Y. M. C. A. in getting the freight space originally granted it for "smokes." As a result where competition came between the army and the Y. M. C. A. it was to the latter's disadvantage. The close cooperation between the two institutions and the army's desire to let the Y. M. C. A. handle the smoking material caused the new arrangement announced today.

NOTED EXPERT TO GUARD HEALTH OF WOMEN WORKERS

In conjunction with its activities in the Housing and Health Division the War Department, through Assistant Secretary of War Crowell announced today that it has secured Miss Susanna Cocroft, of Chicago, to look after the health and recreation of the thousands of women workers in Washington.

Miss Cocroft's work in conditioning the women of America—her books and lectures on women's part in the physical regeneration of a nation, and similar topics, are well known. The War Department has asked her to come to Washington, where she will give the women workers, without charge, the instruction and advice which women all over America pay big prices to learn.

This new plan is just another example of the Administration's constant effort, through its various departments, to make the work and living conditions of the women workers here as congenial as possible. One of the activities already under way (under the direction of the War Camp Community Service) is Camp Columbia, where Government clerks live under military rules, enjoy life in the open air, farmette after office hours, and have a thoroughly good time.

Miss Cocroft's work will definitely begin with a free lecture to all women war workers next Thursday afternoon at the Belasco Theater at 8:15.

With the National Council of Defense, the housing and health division, under its former chief, Major Potter, has been instrumental in establishing homes and supervising the housing of the Government clerks

from the moment they step off the train in Washington.

Capt. Julius I. Peyer, the present chief, has been active for the past three and a half months in aiding clerks to stay in the homes they have secured, preventing eviction and the raising of rents and handling thousands of cases of actual distress in the Municipal Court.

Major Ahern's Government Recreation League is co-operating with the housing and health division in providing all kinds of recreational activities. The swimming pools are now declared to be available, tennis courts are being placed at the disposal of war workers throughout the District; boating and other outdoor enjoyments are planned, and both indoor and outdoor dancing is under way.

ENLARGE GAS BOMB PLANT.

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, N. Y., July 14.—A big extension of the Zinsser Chemical Works to manufacture gas bombs and gas defense equipment has been started here. Barracks for numerous soldier guards will be built. This may mean the establishment of a five-mile dry zone, which would close the saloons of Hastings and Dobbs Ferry. It is expected the plant will be made one of the biggest munitions factories near the Atlantic coast.

In 1922 there'll be just two kinds of people. Those who DID invest their savings in war savings stamps and those who DIDN'T. To which class are YOU going to belong?

AUSTRALIANS IN AMIENS SECTION NIBBLE WAY ON

WITH THE AMERICAN UNITS ON THE BRITISH FRONT, July 14.—The effective nibbling work of the Australians in the sectors adjoining Amiens continues. A patrol in the neighborhood of Merria, discovering conditions ripe, developed a raid on its own initiative and drove the enemy back on a front of 2,200 yards to a depth of 800 yards. They captured 150 prisoners and a number of machine guns.

The Australians are in this manner biting chunks after chunks out of the German front, improving their own positions materially. The recent aid of small American units in the capture of Hamel Village and two nearby woods made fast friends of the Yankees. The Australians call the Americans "Yanks" and the American nickname for the Australians is "Aussies." Mutual admiration and felicitations were expressed after the victory at Hamel, the Australian troops remarking, "You Yanks made things hot as hell," to which the Americans replied, "We fellows are glad you 'Aussies' are not our foe."

D. C. MONEY BILL STILL LINGERS IN UNFINISHED STATE

The new District appropriation bill is still "lingering" in an unfinished state at the Capitol. It was expected the Congress would approve another meeting yesterday, but nothing was done, though a number of members have expressed the view that the bill ought to be disposed of.

If the proposed recess plans of the two houses, or either house, go through, the District bill will remain where it is until late in August. Quick action Monday night may pass it. It will be a hardship on the large numbers of District employees whose pay is raised by the new bill if it is left in suspense for weeks. It will also be embarrassing for the District government.

The District appropriation bill is not the only local bill which promises to be long delayed. The anti-prostitution bill remains in deadlock between the two houses, and it is utterly uncertain when the deadlock will be broken.

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